

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, JUNE 23, 1947

The Board of Public Works met on June 23, 1947, in the office of the State Treasurer, State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland, at twelve o'clock noon.

There were present:

Wm. Preston Lane, Jr. Governor
James J. Lacy, Comptroller
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement also attended the meeting.

BONDS:

The Board met for the purpose of opening bids for bonds of the Post-War Construction Loan of 1945 and the General Construction Loan of 1947, in accordance with resolutions passed by the Board at its meeting on May 15, 1947, and advertisements for proposals appeared in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News-Post on June 4, 6, 11 and 13, 1947. The bonds for which proposals were requested in the advertisements are as follows:

\$5,000,000.00 Installment of the General Construction Loan of 1947 to be dated July 1, 1947, authorized by Chapter 694 of the Acts of 1947.

\$4,625,000.00 Post-War Construction Loan of 1945 bonds, \$2,313,000.00 of which will bear date July 1, 1946, and \$2,312,000.00 of which will bear date July 1, 1947, authorized by Chapter 747 of the Acts of 1945.

The bids received and opened were as follows:

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Coupon Rate</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Harris Trust and Savings Bank and Associates	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	\$ 101,0227
Mercantile Trust Company of Baltimore and Associates	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.8299
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Associates	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.709
The National City Bank of New York and Associates	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.6599
Mackubin, Legg & Company and Associates	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.639
Guaranty Trust Company of New York and Associates	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.6055
Drexel and Co. and Associates	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.5883
Bear, Stearns and Co. and Associates	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.569
Bankers Trust Company and Associates	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.561
The First National Bank of Chicago and Associates	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.41517
Alex. Brown & Sons and Associates	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.2191

After due consideration of the several bids submitted, and it being apparent that the bid of Harris Trust and Savings Bank and Associates offered the highest price to the State for the Bonds it was, upon motion made by Mr. Miles, seconded by Mr. Lacy, and unanimously carried, decided that the bid of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank and Associates be accepted.

POST-WAR CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1945

The Board approved for payment bill of the Baltimore News-Post, in the amount of \$212.40, for advertising for proposals for bonds of the Post-War Construction Loan, for which bids were opened at today's meeting.

The Board approved bill of the A.S. Abell Company in the amount of \$518.00, for advertising for proposals for bonds of the Post-War Construction Loan, for which bids were opened at today's meeting.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1945

The Board approved bill of the Baltimore News-Post, in the amount of \$183.60, for advertising for proposals for bonds of the General Construction Loan of 1945, for which bids were opened at today's meeting.

The Board approved bill of the A.S. Abell Company in the amount of \$470.40, for advertising for proposals for bonds of the General Construction Loan of 1945, for which bids were opened at today's meeting.

POST-WAR CONSTRUCTION FUND

The Board approved the necessary bookkeeping entry to be made to: transfer the item of \$8,100,000.00, now invested in Government Bonds in Miscellaneous Appropriations No.6, Post War Construction Fund, to the General Fund, in order to provide sufficient funds for the payment of obligations of the Post War Construction Fund, and to carry out the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1947 transferring \$5,260,993.95 from the Post War Construction Fund to the General Fund, the transfer to be made on or after July 1, 1947, the beginning of the next budget biennium.

CERTIFICATES

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board that financial liquidation of the assets in the hands of the Trustees for the Towson National Bank has been accomplished, and that after dividend received by the State has been applied to the account there remains an unliquidated balance of \$56.05** which should be written off as an uncollectible account.

The Board approved the writing off of this amount as uncollectible.

BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Secretary reported that he had not received information from the Board of Natural Resources relating to the request of that Board for authority to sell 3/4 of a mile of the State's power line in Gambrill State Park to the Potomac Edison Company.

Under the circumstances the Board of Public Works took no action in the matter and authorized the Secretary to hold the file until the next meeting.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Secretary submitted to the Board a statement showing the status of the budget account of the Board at the close of business April 30, 1947, showing a balance of \$800.37, to take care of expenses of the Board to the end of the fiscal year. A budget amendment adjusting several items in the account of the Board was approved by the Board of Public Works and signed by the Governor.

COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter which had been received from Chief Judge Ogle Marbury, of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, advising that while the Court does not want to give up the space in the Court of Appeals Building, which was formerly used by the State Comptroller's Office and which had been remodeled for the use of the individual judges of the

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Clerk of Circuit Court of Baltimore County -
Register of Wills of Baltimore County
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Court, the Court was willing that the Board of Public Works make such use of the space as might be necessary, until such time as the Court would find it necessary to use the offices for its own purposes.

The Board decided that the space would be considered for such use when the occasion arises on the part of any State agency.

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The Secretary advised the Board that he had been notified that the Draft Board, which had been using the offices formerly occupied by the Land Office in the Court of Appeals Building, had completed its business and had vacated the space. The Board also stated that this space could be kept in mind and used by some other State Agency when needed.

CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

(construction)

The Secretary reported that while he had written Dr. Preston, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, with a copy of his letter to the Board of Managers of Crownsville State Hospital, relative to the information that had come to the Board at the meeting of May 15, 1947 that the pasteurization building at Crownsville State Hospital does not represent the job which the State should be getting on the construction of this building, he had not received word from either Dr. Preston or the Board of Managers of the hospital.

The Secretary was instructed to hold this matter in the file of unfinished business pending receipt of information from Dr. Preston or Crownsville State Hospital, for presentation at a later meeting.

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(budget)

The Secretary took up with the Board the matter of an account titled "Died and Discharged Patients", covering cash being held by Crownsville State Hospital in its petty cash account, which the State Auditor reported should be closed out. As instructed at the last meeting of the Board the Secretary communicated with the Attorney General to obtain his views as to whether this account could be closed out by transmitting the money to the general funds account of the State Treasury. An Opinion which was received from the State Law Department, dated June 9, 1947, was read by the Secretary, the conclusion being that in the absence of legislation authorizing the covering of the money into the General Funds of the State Treasury, such funds must continue to be held for the patient or his next of kin, as the case may be. The Attorney General stated, however, that he knows of no reason why Crownsville State Hospital may not close out the account "Died and Discharged Patients" and pay the funds into the State Treasury, which may serve as a depository for the funds until they are either claimed or statutory authorization for their escheat to the State is provided.

It was suggested that the money be transferred to the State Treasury and that the matter of obtaining the necessary legislation be given attention at the next meeting of the General Assembly, which suggestion was approved.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from the Department of Correction that it be authorized to transfer from its State Use Industries Account, to the budget of the Maryland Penitentiary, the sum of \$21,148.00, to take care of obligations of the Penitentiary to the end of the fiscal year 1947. It was explained that this transfer was necessary to take care of the loss of earnings from prisoners of the Penitentiary which would ordinarily have been available, but which have not materialized in the fiscal year 1947, the amount to be transferred being an accumulation in the account of the State Use Industries.

The Board approved the transfer.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from the Department of Correction that it be authorized to expend, out of the budget of the House of Correction, the sum of \$150.00, to cover bill of J.E. Hanger, Inc., for an artificial limb for Mr. Roland K. Bartlett, a guard in the employ of the Maryland House of Correction who was injured in the line of duty on March 23, 1943. The information available to the Board showed that the injured employee had been covered by insurance carried in the State Accident Fund, and that he had been compensated to the extent of \$1,000.00, the limit available to the employee in connection with his injury.

After due consideration the Board decided that it was unable to approve the expenditure requested, being without authority to do so, as covered in an Opinion rendered by the Attorney General in connection with another case in which a State employee was involved, but it was held that the State could not be held liable for damages for the injury.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Department of Correction advising that Warden Patrick J. Brady is retiring from the Maryland Penitentiary on July 1, 1947, and requesting that because of the fact that Warden Brady had taken little or no vacation for many years, and had requested that he be relieved of his duties so that he could have a vacation period during the month of June, which vacation it was felt impossible to grant because a successor had not been found, it was desired to give the Warden a month's salary to cover his vacation period which he had not received during the past few years. In other words, it was proposed that while Warden Brady would work during the month of June, and be paid for that month, he would go on retirement pay beginning July 1, and also be paid a month's salary for the month of July, to compensate him for the vacation it was not possible for him to take in the month of June.

After due consideration of the matter it was decided that a State employee could not be on the active payroll of the State and also on the retirement payroll of the State at the same time. The suggestion was made that it would be best to defer the date on which Warden Brady would go on the retired payroll to August 1, 1947, and that this would put the Department of Correction in a position to keep him on active status in the month of July, 1947, allowing him to have a vacation during the month.

The Secretary was instructed to advise the Department of Correction accordingly.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE FORESTS AND PARKS

The Secretary stated that he was still holding in his file of unfinished business the matter of the State's claim against the Burnwell Coal Company in connection with the contract between the State and that company for strip mining of coal on property of the State under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Forests and Parks. The Department of Forestry was holding a cash bond of \$1,000.00 to guarantee the payment of royalty due the State on the coal removed from the property and any damages to the surface of the property which the company would not repair. The company has discontinued work and is said to be in bankruptcy.

The Secretary was instructed to have the Department of State Forests and Parks confer with the State Law Department, with the view to seeing that the State's interest in the case was properly settled.

EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the matter of the barn to be erected at the Eastern Shore State Hospital. Mr. Ralph Grier, Chairman of the Building Committee of the hospital, appeared before the Board and requested that they be authorized to proceed with awarding a contract to the Cambridge Brick Company, Inc., in the amount of \$58,655.90, for the construction of the barn. In the discussion of this matter it was stated that the design of the roof of the barn had been changed, which would ordinarily

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result in a saving of approximately \$2,000.00 to the State, but that because of the delay which has been encountered in having this matter considered by the hospital and the Board the contractor would not be able to have his subcontractors do their part of the work at the prices which they originally quoted, and that the increase in this respect would offset the saving to be effected because of the change in the design of the roof.

After due consideration of the matter the Board approved the suggestion, subject to review of the case by Mr. John Funk, head of the new Department of Engineering of the State, and to approval by him.

EASTERN SHORE CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITAL

(construction)

The Secretary advised that he had received a letter from the State Department of Health, advising that the matter of a name for the new hospital now under construction at Salisbury, Maryland, for the chronically ill, would be discussed at a meeting of the Department of Health on June 26, 1947, and a report made after that meeting.

The Secretary was advised to hold the matter in his file of unfinished business.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request which had been made through Mr. C. Gardner, Engineer of the City of Salisbury, and Mr. Weisner from whom the property for the new hospital was purchased, and who owns property adjoining, that the State give consideration to the matter of revising its plans for connecting the sewerage system of the hospital property with the sewerage system of the City of Salisbury. The present plans call for this connection to be made by the extension of the City Sewerage system to the creek on which the property borders; for a bridge to be built across the creek, and the sewerage system to also cross the creek at the bridge, which would involve the installation of a booster pump on the State property, which the State would have to maintain. The proposed change in the system would call for sewerage pipes to be extended along the State property along side of and around the creek, without having to cross the creek, with all the sewage flowing by gravity, the elimination of the booster pump and providing for connection with additional buildings on the State property at a later date, without the necessity of the State having to run the piping, which would have to be done if the original plans were adhered to, but with an additional cost to the State of approximately \$1,000.00. Mr. Kirkman stated that this matter had been considered at a meeting of the State Department of Health, and that it was his impression that the Engineering Bureau of the Health Department was favorably inclined to the original plan.

In view of the fact that there might be some possible misunderstanding in regard to the matter, the Board decided to refer it to Senator Funk, so that it might be considered by him under his new department, and the State Department of Health, before final decision.

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The Secretary reported that no further information had come to his attention in connection with the claim which Mr. J. Roland Dashiell, Contractor, had made for additional allowances some time ago in connection with the contract of the State with Mr. Dashiell for the erection of the hospital. The members of the Board stated that no information had come to their attention.

Under the circumstances the Board felt there was nothing regarding the matter to be considered at this meeting.

MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOYS

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from the Maryland Training School for Boys that there be allotted to that institution from the General Emergency Fund for 1947, the sum of \$5,200.00, to enable the school to take care of the payment of all obligations to the end of the current fiscal year. The members of the Board had been contacted individually before the meeting and had given their approval to the request. The approval was confirmed at this meeting.

EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a matter which had been considered at a previous meeting, that is, the subject of electric generators at the Eastern Shore State Hospital. It was agreed at the previous meeting that Mr. James Posey, Engineer, would make a survey regarding these generators, with the view to deciding whether it would be in order to replace them or purchase current from the Eastern Shore Public Service Company.

In view of the fact that a report from Mr. Posey was not available for this meeting there was no action taken regarding the matter.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from the Eastern Shore State Hospital listing various items of construction and maintenance which it is desired to proceed with at this time.

The Secretary was instructed to bring this matter to the attention of Senator Funk, head of the new Department of Engineering, so that he might make a study of it and report to the Board at the next meeting.

MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. Ignatius Bjorlee, Superintendent of the Maryland State School for the Deaf, dated June 12, 1947, requesting authority to proceed with the expenditure of \$6,000.00 appropriated in the new construction program for various items of maintenance, and kitchen equipment.

After due consideration the Board approved the request so that Mr. Bjorlee might go ahead and have the work done at as early a date as practicable.

HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated June 18, 1947, from Dr. Morris L. Radoff, Archivist, Hall of Records, suggesting the possibility of having Mr. A.D. Bowdler, a bookbinder who works at the Hall of Records doing private work on his own account, be available for doing such work as the Hall of Records would have done, in return for use of space in the basement of the Hall of Records.

The Board withheld approval of this matter pending further study of it, because of the fact that they question the propriety of having an individual operate his business on State property, with the complications which might be involved in such a proposition.

MARYLAND DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated June 16, 1947, from Colonel Henry S. Barrett, Chairman of the Maryland Disaster Relief Committee, which goes out of existence June 30, 1947, requesting authority for the payment of compensation to Miss Betty Carle for the vacation to which she is entitled, and which she is unable to take because of having to work until the end of June in order to close out the affairs of the Committee.

The Board approved the request.

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The Board also took up the request of Colonel Barrett, made some time ago, that he be permitted to purchase the automobile which he has been using for the past several years, in connection with his Civilian Defense work and the work of the Maryland Disaster Relief Committee. Colonel Barrett had expressed a desire to purchase this automobile some time ago, but the Board felt that because of its general rule of not selling State property to employees of the State the request could not be considered. However, since Colonel Barrett goes out of the State Service with the closing of the Disaster Relief Committee at the end of June, the Board felt that some consideration might be given to Colonel Barrett's wishes to retain the automobile he has been using, and authorized Mr. Kirkman to contact Colonel Barrett with the view to trying to arrive at some arrangement for the purchase of the car by Colonel Barrett.

It was decided that whatever equipment or supplies the Maryland Disaster Relief Committee would have on hand at the close of business June 30, 1947, would be transferred to the Warehouse of the Department of Budget and Procurement to be made available to State agencies in the usual manner.

MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR COLORED GIRLS

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request received from the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls for authority for the employment of a qualified engineer to direct the installation of laundry equipment to be purchased for the school.

The Board felt that this was a matter on which Senator Funk, head of the new Department of Engineering of the State, should be consulted, and Mr. Kirkman was requested to bring the matter to his attention, with the view to seeing what should be done relative to the installation of the equipment.

MARYLAND TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the matter of compensation for services of the firm of Buckler and Fenhagen, architects, for services rendered in connection with the preparation of plans and specifications for proposed addition to the Service Building at the Henryton Branch of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium. The Secretary presented to the Board information showing that the architects have had extensive dealings with Dr. Cullen relating to the work which the architects had done, and it was very apparent that the architects had been fully authorized. The Board had previously declined to approve the awarding of a contract for the work covered by the plans and specifications, which left the matter of compensation of the architects to be decided. It was agreed that compensation should be based on an estimated cost of \$75,000.00, at the rate of 3/5 of 6% on this estimated cost, or \$2,700.00, and payment in that amount to the architects was approved.

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(employees)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request received from the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium in connection with sick leave previously granted to Mr. Henry Koehler, a hospital attendant at the Sanatorium. It was requested that the approval be corrected to show that the leave of absence previously granted would expire March 23 instead of March 12, and this was approved by the Board.

MARYLAND COMMITTEE ON WATER POLLUTION

The matter of budget for the Maryland Committee on Water Pollution for the fiscal years 1948 and 1949 was brought to the attention of the Board for consideration. It was not possible for Mr. Kirkman to submit a definite budget for the Committee because of the fact that the matter of setting salaries, subject to the approval of the Standard Salary Board, has not been taken care of, but it was agreed that the budget for the Committee, as set up in the budget bill passed at the 1947 Session of the General Assembly would be approved, subject to such changes as might be necessary later because of action to be taken by the Standard Salary Board.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT

The Secretary reported having received from Adjutant General Milton A. Reckord a letter dated June 9, 1947, advising that the final papers have been signed by the representatives of the War Department, and Camp Ritchie with all facilities has now been returned to the State of Maryland. In his letter General Reckord stated that it has been agreed to permit the War Department to use Camp Ritchie in case of another major emergency.

General Reckord also stated that the War Department had expended \$5,000,000.00 at Camp Ritchie for a new sewage disposal plant, concrete and macadam roads, and the erection of approximately 150 buildings, including the hospital facilities which have already been made available to the State Department of Health.

MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR COLORED GIRLS

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 19, 1947, received from the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, asking authority to proceed with the items of construction and maintenance covered in the appropriation of \$51,000.00 for these purposes in the General Construction Loan of 1947.

The request was approved, with the understanding that bids for the work, etc., would be cleared through Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement in the usual manner.

MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION

The Secretary advised the Board of receipt of a letter from the Maryland Veterans Commission, in reply to an inquiry which had been made by the Secretary, as directed at the last meeting of the Board, relative to the matter of reimbursing employees of the Commission for expenses incurred in connection with the carrying out of their duties for the Commission. In the letter received from the Commission it is stated that an investigation made by Mr. Richard C. Manning, State Service and Executive Officer, revealed that in some instances the personnel was reimbursed at the rate of six cents per mile when public transportation was used, but that in such cases there has been no charge made for meals. It was stated by Mr. Manning that all employees will be notified that the allowance for traveling at the rate of six cents per mile is only permitted when a personally owned automobile is used.

The Secretary was instructed to bring this matter to the attention of the State Auditor so that the question of reimbursing the Commission for traveling expenses can be looked into at the time of the next examination of the accounts of the Commission.

MONTROSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 13, 1947, received from Montrose School for Girls, requesting authority to proceed with the deferred maintenance authorized for this institution, as covered in the General Construction Loan of 1947. The Board approved proceeding with this work, for which \$48,000.00 is appropriated, with the understanding that the work will clear through Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement, in the usual manner.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 4, 1947, from Dr. D.C.W. Holmes, President of Morgan State College, covering the giving of scholarships to students to be educated at the School, having a valuation of \$30,000.00.

The Board approved distribution of scholarships by the remission of fees in the amount of \$30,000.00, with the understanding that fees in the aggregate of this amount be remitted.

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(construction)

The Secretary stated he was still holding in his file of unfinished business a request which had been received from Morgan State College some time ago, that the Board of Trustees of the College desired to appear before the Board for the purpose of discussing the building program of the College. The Board of Trustees had been advised that the Board of Public Works was willing to hear them at the meeting of May 15, but a letter received from Dr. Holmes, President of the College, stated that owing to the shortness of the notice of the meeting it would not be possible for the Board of Trustees to attend to discuss its building program, but requested that another date be fixed in the near future for a conference, when Judge Soper, Chairman of the Board, could be present.

As no further request has been received from Morgan State College relative to appearing before the Board, no action was taken at this time regarding the building program.

ST.MARY'S FEMALE SEMINARY

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 13, 1947 from Mr. R.Ames Hendrickson, President of the Board of Trustees of St.Mary's Female Seminary, requesting that the Seminary be authorized to proceed with the work for the Seminary covered in the General Construction Loan of 1947.

After due consideration the Board approved the request subject to the suggestion made by Mr. Hendrickson that because of the high cost of building, labor and materials, the funds for the Chemistry Building be placed temporarily in the General Deferred Maintenance Fund; also, the Board of Public Works, because of having already approved a request that the Seminary be authorized to expend the sum of \$2,500.00 for completing the work of constructing the bulkhead at the property of the Seminary to prevent erosion of the land into the river, did not feel it in order to approve the request for the use of \$10,000.00 covered in Mr.Hendrickson's letter, to extend the bulkhead, since apparently the \$2,500.00 already authorized, which would come out of the \$10,000.00 included in the construction program for extending the bulkhead, would be all that is necessary to complete the construction of a bulkhead around the water side on the property of the Seminary.

STATE LAW DEPARTMENT

The Secretary stated that he had received no word from the Attorney General in reply to his letter of April 25, 1947, bearing on the claim made by Theodore E.Hess and Mary L. Hess, his wife, dated March 17,1947; covering an injury alleged to have been sustained by the Hess' when Mrs. Hess was run into, struck and unbalanced by Samuel Johnson, a prisoner in charge of Penitentiary Guards Brown and Kawaleski on March 10, 1947.

The Board felt there was no occasion to give any consideration to this matter.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

The Secretary advised the Board that no reply had been received from the State Roads Commission to a letter which he had written to the Commission under date of May 27, 1947, regarding a list of Accounts Receivable of the Commission which had been considered by the Board at its meeting on May 15, 1947.

The Secretary had requested the State Roads Commission to advise if any steps had been taken recently by the State Law Department looking toward the collection of these accounts prior to 1947.

The Secretary was instructed to continue to carry this matter in his file of unfinished business until he obtained from the State Roads Commission the information requested.

SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 18, received from Dr. Silas W.Weltmer, Superintendent of Spring Grove State Hospital, advising that on Friday, June 13, the Board of Managers of the Hospital had met in regular session and opened bids for the construction of an addition to the Employees' Village and for the remodeling of the Center Building Kitchen and Dining Rooms.

The bids submitted for the addition to the Employees' Village resulted in the low bid being submitted by John K. Ruff Company in the amount of \$275,495.00, and since this bid, with the architect's fees and any other expenses incident to the cost of the project, are within the amount of \$327,000.00 appropriated for the project, the Board approved the recommendation of the acceptance of the proposal of John K. Ruff & Company, with the provision that all contract documents be approved by the State Law Department as to form and legal sufficiency, in advance of execution of the contract.

With his letter Dr. Weltmer also submitted a tabulation of bids for remodeling the Center Building, Kitchen and Dining Rooms. Two bids were received, the lower of the two bids being from the Davis Construction Company in the amount of \$109,750.00. There was also received from the Davis Construction Company a letter dated June 20, 1947, reciting the fact that the company had discovered an error had been made in the calculation of the several items entering into their total bid, one of the items, that of "General Conditions", such as Superintendent's salary, sheds, dustproof partitions, scaffolds, shoring, etc., which had been computed as costing \$10,625.00, had been omitted in error. Mr. Davis, President of the Davis Construction Company, requested that they be allowed to reform their bid to add the sum of \$10,625.00 to the bid of \$109,750.00 which they submitted or, in the alternate, that they be permitted to withdraw their bid.

After due consideration the Board decided that it was desirable to obtain the views of the State Law Department on the request of the Davis Construction Company, and requested the Secretary to promptly submit the matter to the State Law Department for advice as to whether the Board of Public Works would be legally justified in accepting either of the two requests submitted by the Davis Construction Company.

STATE EMPLOYEES

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a copy of a letter received from Mr. W.D. Owens, State Employment Commissioner, to Mr. Charles D. Harris Counsel for the Maryland Classified Employees Association, Inc., dated June 16, 1947, relative to the matter of overtime for employees working during the lunch period.

This question arose because of a cook in one of the State Institutions, who claimed that he was unable to have time off for lunch the same as other State employees because he had to work during the time employees and attendants were eating and had to eat his lunch the best he could while working in his position of cook.

The Board felt there was no occasion to give consideration to this particular complaint.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a recommendation from Mr. R. Chester Cromwell, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds that he be authorized to accept a bid received from Ralph L. Lowman, contractor, for furnishing labor and materials in building about twenty eight lin. feet of partitions in the basement of the State Office Building so that storage space might be made available for several departments with offices in the building. The amount of the estimate is \$293.00. Payable from "Improvements to Public Buildings-1941".

The request was approved.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a recommendation from Mr. R. Chester Cromwell, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, that he be authorized to accept a bid from Ralph L. Lowman, for labor and materials in repairing one side of trim on front entrance of Hall of Records Building, which is damaged by termites, in the amount of \$110.00. Payable from 1941 Bond Issue for improvements to Public Buildings.

The request was approved.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from the State Department of Education dated June 16, 1947, to which was attached a detailed list of maintenance, repairs and alteration work to be done at Frostburg State Teachers College. The statement shows that the estimated cost of the work is \$53,250.00, the funds to take care of the cost being expected from the following sources:

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Estimated Excess Fees - 1946-1947	\$20,000.00
Bond Issue Bill, 1947 Legislature	15,000.00
Budget 1947-1948 (General Repairs)	5,000.00
Fees to be paid by Veterans Administration subsequent to July 1, 1947	10,000.00
Funds encumbered from budget 1946-47	<u>3,520.00</u>
	\$53,520.00

After due consideration the Board felt that the request should be referred to Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement for study both as to the source of funds which it is proposed to use to pay for the cost of the work, and for the various items of work which it is desired to have done.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Secretary advised of receipt of a letter from Dr. R.H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health, dated June 4, 1947, stating that the necessary funds to take care of the cost of the Medical Care Program to June 30, 1947 were made available by budget amendment to be approved by the Governor, transferring \$35,000.00 from the budget of the Ritchie Chronic Disease Hospital to the Medical Care Program. At a previous meeting of the Board it was decided that the funds requested could not be made available from the Emergency Fund, but that consideration would be given to increasing the amount available for the Medical Care Program if the necessary money could be found in the budget of the State Department of Health and the Ritchie Chronic Disease Hospital.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 14, 1947, received from Mr. J. Milton Patterson, Director of the State Department of Public Welfare, requesting information as to the status of the site for the new training school for colored boys.

The Governor stated that he would be in touch with the State Department of Public Welfare relative to this matter at a later date.

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(employees)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 18, 1947, received from Mr. J. Milton Patterson, advising of injuries received by Miss Irene Olson and Miss Ethel M. Fonda, employees of the State Department of Public Welfare, who were injured in an accident on June 4. Mr. Patterson requested information as to whether it would be possible for the State to take care of expenses incurred by Miss Fonda over and above her salary from the State, and some insurance she would be able to receive through a policy covering accidents.

The Board decided that in view of the fact that the State Law Department had already ruled that the State is not liable for damages in such cases that no consideration could be given to the request for reimbursement to Miss Fonda covering her expenses.

In his letter Mr. Patterson stated that Miss Olson did not need hospital care, and that since her medical expenses were small no request was being made for reimbursement for expenses in her case.

STATE ACCIDENT FUND

(records)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a copy of letter dated May 2, 1947, written by Dr. Morris L. Radoff, Archivist, Hall of Records Commission, to the State Accident Fund relative to the disposition of accumulated records of the State Accident Fund. Dr. Radoff stated that the records were of no value to the Hall of Records and he could see no reason for continuing to retain them.

In view of the report of Dr. Radoff the Board approved the destruction of the records in accordance with the recommendation of Dr. Radoff in his letter.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 12, 1947, received from Mr. L.W. Kern, Right-of-Way Engineer for the State Roads Commission, requesting approval of the State for a right-of-way through a small parcel of land at the Eastern Shore Branch of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, which is needed in plans which the Commission has prepared for building a new bridge over Tonytank Creek at Shad Point, to replace the existing bridge which was condemned.

The Board approved the use of the land at the Eastern Shore Branch of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium as outlined in the letter of the State Roads Commission, and agreed that any approval which is necessary from the State or the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium would be forthcoming at the request of the State Roads Commission.

STATE EMPLOYEES

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from the State Roads Commission that an extension of sick leave be granted in the case of William C. Rau, a Road Foreman of the Commission, to July 1, or until his retirement because of physical disability goes into effect. Application for retirement has been made and approved. The letter from the State Roads Commission indicated that Mr. Rau could be carried on the regular payroll until June 19, 1947, and the extension of sick leave is being granted for the purpose of taking care of his retirement, which it is expected will be August 1, 1947. Approved.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BOARD

(records)

The Secretary advised the Board of receipt of a letter from the Unemployment Compensation Board reporting that the records of the Unemployment Compensation Board, which the Board of Public Works had previously authorized be destroyed, had actually been destroyed, and sent copy of a letter received from the Atlantic Waste Paper Company certifying to the fact that the records were transported to a paper mill and entirely destroyed.

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(report)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. Russell S. Davis, Chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Board, explaining, as requested by the Board of Public Works, the item of overpayments included in their report for the quarter ended March 31, 1947.

After reviewing the report received the Board authorized the acceptance of it as furnishing the information requested.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

(construction)

The Secretary advised the Board that it had not received any further information from Dr. Byrd in reply to a letter written to him dated April 25, 1947, in which Dr. Byrd was requested to advise the Board with regard to prices of certain lots and the amount of land involved, about which he had written the Board previously.

No action was taken on the matter during this meeting.

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The Secretary advised that he had received no further information in connection with the question of lack of heat in the Chemistry and Physics Building at the Princess Anne Branch of the University of Maryland. Mr. Kirkman said he had nothing to report at this meeting.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated May 1 received from the University of Maryland, advising that Mrs. Victor Myers did not accept the proposal of the University for the exercise of the option the University has for the purchase of land, and that it will not be possible to complete the transaction until April, 1948, under the terms of the Contract the State has for the purchase of this land. The University further advised that it will be possible to complete the purchase of the Powell property, and that settlement for this property will be made with Mr. Powell for the balance of \$24,000.00 due on July 8, 1947, the money for the purchase being available from the General Construction Loan of 1947.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 16, 1947, from Dr. H.C. Byrd, President of the University, stating that the Board of Regents had decided it would be good policy to sell a small research farm of fifty acres, with one dwelling, at Ridgely, Maryland, known as the Ridgely Sub-station, and to use the money to be received from the sale to establish the new laboratory at Salisbury. In his letter Dr. Byrd asked that the Board approve the sale of the property with the funds to be used as mentioned.

The request was approved.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 20, 1947, which had been left with him by Dr. H.C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland, shortly before the meeting of the Board, in which letter Dr. Byrd outlined a plan on which he had been working, under which the University of Maryland could construct a Chapel, Swimming Pool, Stadium and a Physical Education and Auditorium Building, without any cost to the State.

After reading the letter the members of the Board felt that it would be impossible to take any definite action in connection with Dr. Byrd's plan without having an opportunity to make some further study of the plan, and the Secretary was requested to provide each member of the Board with a copy of Dr. Byrd's letter for study.

Mr. Kirkman was asked by the Governor to look into the matter of fees to be received from the Veterans Administration for tuition of veterans taking courses at the University, because of the question of fees having been considered in the preparation of the budget for the fiscal years 1948 and 1949, and also being involved in the plan submitted by Dr. Byrd.

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(budget)

Mr. Kirkman stated that he had just lately received the working budget of the University of Maryland for the fiscal year 1948, with the exception of the hospital budget, but that because of lack of time within which to make a study of the budget submitted to him, he was unable at this meeting to make any recommendation as to the adoption of the budget. He stated that the University expected to have the hospital budget ready for submission by the 15th of July.

The Board requested Mr. Kirkman to let them have his recommendation as early as possible.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE

The Secretary reported to the Board that since the last meeting he had been in touch with Colonel Beverly Ober, Superintendent of Maryland State Police, relative to the matter of subsistence to be allowed the Superintendent. The Secretary reported that he has discussed the matter of a flat allowance to the Superintendent for expenses incurred by the Superintendent on official business, in lieu of detailed statements of expenses incurred, and that the Superintendent was agreeable to a recommendation being made that a flat allowance of \$25.00 per week be made effective July 1, 1948.

The Board approved the recommendation that a flat allowance of \$25.00 per week be made to the Superintendent of Maryland State Police in lieu of detailed expense accounts being submitted by the Superintendent.

CARDINAL GIBBONS INSTITUTE

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the Cardinal Gibbons Institute, in which request was made that the Board authorize the payment of a balance of \$500.00 of the appropriation to the institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and also payment of the appropriation of \$2,000.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947.

After due consideration of the reasons set forth in the letter for payment of these amounts the Board approved the request that payment be made.

MARYLAND TRICENTENARY COMMISSION

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the matter of purchase of lawn mower by the caretaker of the old State House at St. Mary's City.

Mr. Kirkman was unable to make any report in connection with this purchase and no action was taken by the Board in the matter at this meeting.

COMMISSIONERS OF TALBOT COUNTY

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 3, 1947, received from Mr. William E. Sharp, President of the Commissioners of Talbot County, stating that Talbot County is considering proceeding with plans for alterations and improvements to the jail, and that the County Commissioners would like to be advised by the Board of Public Works as to the necessary procedure to be followed so that advantage may be taken of the provisions of Chapter 897 of the Acts of 1945.

The Board was unable to give any consideration to the request of the Commissioners of Talbot County because of the fact there are no funds available which could be used in connection with the repairs and improvements to the jail which the county is considering making.

REGISTER OF WILLS FOR FREDERICK COUNTY

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated June 16 from the Register of Wills for Frederick County, in which it is recited that there is collateral inheritance tax due from the Estate of Thomas B. Johnson, deceased, and the payment of this tax is due from the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Frederick, Maryland, which became liable in 1933 under a trust fund created under the will of Thomas B. Johnson, deceased. The bank had overlooked the payment of the tax. The Register of Wills requests authority to compromise the penalty and interest due on this account. A letter from Mr. William M. Storm, Attorney, to the Register of Wills advising that the bank was willing to pay the amount of tax, but felt it would be unjust and inequitable to require the bank to pay the penalty and interest which attached because of the delay in payment, was read.

After due consideration of the matter the Board approved acceptance by the Register of Wills of the amount of tax with penalty and interest being waived.

ARSENAL AND VETERANS COMMISSION

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a bill received from the Treasurer of Baltimore County, in the amount of \$20.85, covering sewer service chargeable on the property in Pikesville formerly used as the Old Confederate Soldiers Home, now under the custody of the Arsenal and Veterans Memorial Commission.

The Secretary was instructed to refer the bill to the Commission for payment out of any revenues received by the Commission for rental of the property.

CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

(construction)

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Mr. James R. Edmunds, Jr., architect, asking for information in connection with plans and specifications which were prepared by him for two buildings at Crownsville State Hospital, these two buildings having been included in the Post War Construction Program.

The Secretary was instructed to refer the Architect to Dr. George H. Preston, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, and to remind Dr. Preston of the action taken by the Board last January cancelling out all proposed construction in the Post War Construction Program for which commitments had not been made up to the time of the action of the Board.

STATE TAX COMMISSION COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

The Board approved payments made covering refunds of items certified to the Comptroller by the State Tax Commission, payable out of Item 208-C, totaling \$405.00.

Wt. #14,866 - List #12 - 6-11-47 -	\$155.00
#14,867 - #13 - 6-11-47 -	115.00
#12,991 - #10 - 4-28-47 -	135.00

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The Board approved remission of fine paid in Talbot County by Jack Gernert, in the amount of \$20.00 (Wt. #15,268- 6-19-47), for tonging in waters of Talbot County without license, the fine having been remitted by the Governor. (Misc. Appropriations No. 2, Item #17).

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The Board approved refund of overpayment of Tangible Personal Property to Maryland Oxygen Company, in the amount of \$97.17, from Misc. Appropriation No. 2, Item #17. (Wt. #15,383 - 6-20-47).

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The Board approved payments of refunds of Excise Tax from Misc. Appropriations No. 2, Item #17, totaling \$198.27.

Wt. #15,399 - 6-20-47 -	\$125.71
#14,486 - 6-3-47 -	72.56

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CONSTRUCTION:

The Board approved payments made by the Comptroller from the Post-War Construction Fund.

Aid to Sub-Divisions-Wt. #14,794 - 6-10-47 -	\$16,125.00	
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	15,342.86	
Miners Hospital	3,200.00	
Rosewood State Training School	3,500.00	
Md. State Reformatory for Women	15,678.81	
Md. Training School for Colored Girls	22,794.93	
Morgan State College	27,225.91	
State Teachers College-Bowie	2,680.32	
University of Maryland	<u>149,632.59</u>	\$256,180.42.

ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND

The Board approved recommendation of Mr. Kirkman and the request of the State Librarian for the withdrawal of ten sets of the Annotated Code - five sets for the use of the General Assembly, and five sets for the use of the State Library for exchange purposes with other states.

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MINERS HOSPITAL

(construction)

Mr. Kirkman discussed with the Board the question of alterations being made to the Miners Hospital, Frostburg, Maryland, and stated that the cost of the work would exceed the amount authorized in the General Construction Loan of 1947 for improvements and additions to the hospital.

It was stated that the cost of floor covering and some minor repairs could be taken from the cash receipts of the hospital in the fiscal year 1947. It was agreed that the excess receipts for the fiscal year 1947 could be made available to take care of the cost of this work beyond the amount of money provided in the bond issue, and that any excess receipts of the fiscal year 1948 could be made available for payment for the cost if necessary.

STATE OFFICE BUILDING, BALTIMORE

Mr. Kirkman stated that he had been contacted by Mr. Charles M. Bandiere in connection with a possible site for the new State Office Building in Baltimore, the site being the Boumi Temple lot located on Howard Street between Druid Hill Avenue and Eutaw Street.

There was no consideration given by the Board to the proposed site.

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GENERAL CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1947:

Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the matter of policy to be followed in connection with work to be done in the future, for which appropriations are now available, covering deferred maintenance and reconstruction items; also the employment of architects.

After discussion of this matter it was decided that all items of deferred maintenance in the reconstruction program should clear through Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, and that in cases where he felt it necessary to retain the services of architects for the preparation of plans and specifications he would make such recommendations to the Board.

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STATE ACCIDENT FUND

(lease)

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board of Public Works a request from the State Accident Fund for authority to rent approximately 1500 sq. ft. of additional space at 31-35 Light Street, where the offices of the Fund are located, the additional space to be available October 1, 1947, at an annual rental of \$2,500.00.

The Board requested Mr. Kirkman to look further into the matter, particularly with reference to the necessity for additional space, and to report further to the Board.

MONTROSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

(construction)

Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the question of using the balance of \$10,000.00 previously allotted from the General Emergency Fund to Montrose School for Girls, for the correction of fire hazards and for building new silo.

The Board approved proceeding with the work in accordance with Mr. Kirkman's recommendation.

WORLD WAR II RECORDS DIVISION

Mr. Kirkman submitted to the Board a statement showing in detail the proposed expenditures of the Maryland Historical Society in connection with its work of compiling records of World War II. It was explained that up to this time the Maryland Historical Society has been taking care of the expenditures connected with this work by submitting to the Comptroller every month a statement of expenditures, and being reimbursed therefor.

The Board approved a continuation of the present plan of taking care of the cost of this work out of the appropriation for the purpose.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE

Mr. Kirkman submitted to the Board a request from the Department of Maryland State Police for authority to purchase land at Frederick, Maryland, for the sub-station at Frederick, the property involved being the lot which has been occupied up to this time at the corner of the highway leading out of Frederick at Baughman's Lane. It is understood the property can be bought for the sum of \$4,000.00 and Colonel Ober is very anxious to proceed with the obtaining of this site, even though he will not be able to improve it as a sub-station beyond the improvements already existing, until some future date.

The Board was agreeable to the proposition, with the understanding that before the State is committed to the purchase of the property some confirmation as to the value be obtained through an appraisal by the Right-of-Way Department of the State Roads Commission.

CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

(construction)

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board some information which he had received relating to copper tubing used in construction at the Winterode and T.B. Buildings at Crownsville State Hospital being of an inferior quality, and the need for an inspection of it because of the feeling that a replacement might be necessary in the near future.

Mr. Kirkman was requested to ask Mr. James Posey, Engineer, to make a survey in connection with the information, and to report to the Board regarding his findings.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from the Land Commissioner's Office that it be allowed the sum of \$480.00 to cover the cost of installing new lights in the offices in the Hall of Records Building, it being represented that the present system of lighting is inadequate and that new fluorescent lighting would be a considerable improvement.

The Board approved the use of \$480.00 from the General Emergency Fund to take care of this expense.

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DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from the Division of Parole and Probation that it be allotted the sum of \$1,000.00.

\$42.00 to take care of expenditures for the fiscal year 1947, in cases where items in the Division's budget for the fiscal year 1947 were not sufficient to take care of the salaries and expenses payable to the end of the fiscal year.

The Board approved the allotment of \$42.00 as requested, to be covered in a budget amendment submitted in the usual manner.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1947

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board that the State Department of Education had opened bids covering repairs to damaged dormitory at Bowie State Teachers College, but that all of the bids were in excess of the amount appropriated in the General Construction Loan of 1947 to cover the cost of the work.

The Board directed that revisions be made in the plans to the extent that the work to be done would come within the amount of money available.

LEASES

Mr. Kirkman reported to the Board that it will not be possible to renew the lease for space occupied by the Employment Security Board in the building at 8511 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, except at a considerable increase in the rental. The Security Board is using 640 sq. ft. of the first floor, and the owners are asking for a lease for two years from July 1, 1947, at an annual rental of \$3,000.00.

After discussion of this matter the Board felt that the proposed rental is excessive and requested Mr. Kirkman to look into the matter of obtaining space at some other location.

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The Board approved the following leases:

Employment Security Board, new lease covering the space on the ground floor of the Tower Building known as 10-12-14-16 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, containing 3,135 sq. ft. effective for three years from July 1, 1947, at an annual rental of \$7,398.60.

Maryland Racing Commission, renewal of lease covering rooms 503, 504 and 505, Maryland Trust Building, Calvert and Redwood Streets, Baltimore, 1,200 sq. ft., effective July 1, 1947; for one year, at an annual rental of \$3,000.00.

Maryland State Planning Commission, renewal of lease covering north 6/13 of #100 Equitable Building (as bounded by present wood and glass partition) and 104-106 and 108A Equitable Building, Baltimore, 1,388 sq. ft., effective for one year from August 1, 1947, at an annual rental of \$3,036.00.

State Department of Health - request to rent space in Grantsville from Mrs. Ida M. Hershberger at \$10.00 a month, without a lease, Mrs. Hershberger being unwilling to sign a lease.

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

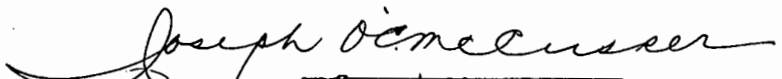
Department of State Forests and Parks - sale of 1939 Plymouth Sedan, Serial #1363643, to Mr. G.A. Griffin, Jr., Washington Ave., Baltimore-7, for \$350.00.

Maryland State Reformatory for Males - sale of York refrigeration equipment removed from dairy building to the Hagerstown Dairy Company, Hagerstown, for \$450.00.

State Roads Commission - sale of 2 pcs. 15" terra cotta pipe, 2' long, located at Sudlersville shop, to J. Clawson Jones, Chestertown, for \$4.00.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

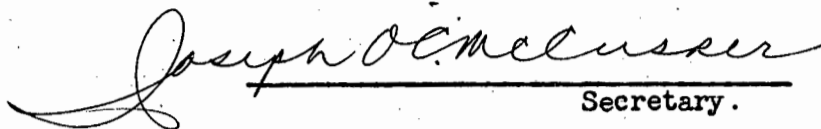

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LEASES:

The Board approved execution of a new lease for The Commissioners of the State Accident Fund, covering 1500 sq. ft. on the second floor of the building at the northeast corner of Lombard and Light Streets, known as 31-35 Light Street, Baltimore, The Paramount Building, (representing the balance of floor space on the entire second floor of the aforesaid premises, which space was mentioned but not leased under agreement between the parties hereto dated February 1, 1947), effective for three years and six months from October 1, 1947, at an annual rental of \$2,500.


Secretary.